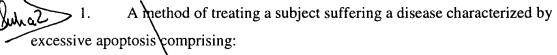
IT IS CLAIMED:

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- administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one serine protease inhibitor in which the effective amount inhibits excessive apoptosis.
 - 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising monitoring a decrease in apoptosis.
 - 3. The method of claim 1, in which the serine protease inhibitor is α_1 -antitrypsin, an α_1 -antitrypsin-like agent, a variant of α_1 -antitrypsin, an anticathepsin G agent, an antitryptase TL-2 agent, an antifactor Xa agent, an antielastase agent, an antiproteinase-3 agent, or combinations thereof.

4. The method of claim 3 in which the effective amount is between about 0.3 and about 7.0 g/kg body weight.

- 5. The method of claim 1, in which the serine protease inhibitor is a substituted oxydiazole, thiadiazole, triazole peptoids, or combinations thereof.
- 6. The method of claim 5, in which the serine protease inhibitor is derivatized by esterification, acetylation, or amidation.
 - 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising administering at least one free radical scavenger or inhibitor.

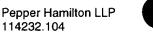
The method of claim 1, in which the serine protease inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(2-phenylethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-

- 25 (S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(2-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(methyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-
- 30 L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(difluoromethyl)-1,2,4-)xadiazolyl) carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(benzyl)-1,2,4-

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oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl)carbohyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(trans-styryl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(trans-4-Trifluoro methylstyryl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(trans-4-Methoxystyryl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-Thienylmethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(Phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; and (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-Phenylpropyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide, Benzyloxycarbonyl-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-[5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide, Benzyloxycarbonyl-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl-Lvalyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(methyl)-1,3,4\oxadiazoly]carbonyl)- 2-(S)-methylpropyl]-Lprolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-Lvalyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(4-Dimethylamin) benzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(1-napthylenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-[1-(3-(5-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzylokycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5dimethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carb\dnyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl] L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-Lvalyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5-ditrifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4 -oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-\(\forall S\)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(biphenylmethine)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl

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]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(4-phenylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-phenylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-phenoxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(cyclohexylmethylene)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethyldimethylmethylene)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(1-phenylpropyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(1-phenylpropyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(1-phenylpropyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazo

napthylmethylene)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-pyridylmethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5-diphenylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(4-dimethylaminobenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; 2-(5-

[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)- (S)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(5-Amino-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(5-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-(S)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(5-Amino-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; (Pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-N-(benzyl)glycyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,4-oxadiazolyl)glycyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,4

methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(\$)-methylpropyl]amide; (Pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-N-(benzyl)glycyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)]-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)-(\$)-methylpropyl]amide; (2\$,5\$)-5-Amino-1,2,4\5,6,7-hexahydroazepino-[3,2,1]-indole-4-one-carbonyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-(\$R,\$)-2-methylpropyl]amide; BTD-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(\$)-methylpropyl]amide; (\$R,\$)-3-Amino-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,4,-benzodiazepine-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(\$)-methylpropyl]acetamide;

(Benzyloxycarbon 1)-L-valyl-2-L-(2,3-dihydro-1H-indole)-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-2-L-(2,3-dihydro-1H-indole)-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; Acetyl-2-L-(2,3-dihydro-1H-indole)-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; 3-5 (S)-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino)-ε-lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzy 1)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2\(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-(S)-(Amino)- ε--lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide trifluoroacetic acid salt; 3-{S}-[(4-morpholino carbonyl-butanoyl)amino]- ε--lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3\4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(R,S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 6-10 [4-Fluorophenyl]- ε -lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; \(\frac{1}{2}\)-(2-(R,S)-Phenyl-4-oxothiazolidin-3-yl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4 -oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(2-(R,S)phenyl-4-oxothiazolidin-3-yl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]hydroxymethyl)-2-(\$)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(2-(R,S)-Benzyl-4-15 oxothiazolidin-3-yl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4 -oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]-acetamide; 2-(2-(R,\$)-Benzyl-4-oxothiazolidin-3-yl oxide]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2- (R,S,)-methylpropyl]acetamide; $(1-Benzoyl-3,8-quinazolinedione)-N{[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4$ oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; (1-Benzoyl-3,6-piperazinedione)-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; $(1-Phenyl-3,6-piperazinedione)-N-[1-(2\((5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4$ oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; [(1-Phenyl-3,6-piperazinedione)-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)]-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-25 methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-\(\frac{1}{2}\)-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-7-piperidinyl-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-(Carbomethoxy-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methybenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazoly l]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-(Amino-quinolin-2-ohe)-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-30

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oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-[(4-Morpholino)aceto]amino-

quinolin-2-one-N-[\frac{1}{2}-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1, 3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyllacetamide; 3,4-Dihydro-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-(4-fluorobenzylidene) piperazine-2,5-dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-(4-dimethylamino benzylidene)piperazine-2,5-5 dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; \(\hat{\lambda}\)-Acetyl-3-(4-carbomethoxy benzylidene)piperazine-2,5-dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl))-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-[(4-pyridyl)methylene]piperazine-2,5-dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methyl benzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2\(\frac{1}{2}\)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(R)-benzyl-10 piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N- $[1-(2\[5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)$ methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(S)-benzyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3(R)-benzylpiperazine-2,5,-dione N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(S)-15 benzylpiperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(S)-benzyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3-(5-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Methyl-3-(R,S)-phenylpiperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[[-Methyl-3-(R\S)-phenyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-(4-Morpholino ethyl)3-(R)-benzyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(R,S)-Phenyl-2,4imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl))-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(R)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(S)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzy))-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(S)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazol\dinedione-N-[1-(3-(5-(3trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)- $2_{\tau}(S)$ -methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-30 (R)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4Just 3

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oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Benzyl-4-(R)-benzyl-2,5-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; and 1-Benzyl-4-(R)-benzyl-2,5-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethyl benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and combinations thereof.

- 9. The method of claim-8, in which the effective amount is between about 0.001 and about 7 g/kg body weight.
 - 10. The method of claim 1, in which the subject is a human.
- 11. The method of claim 1, in which the disease is at least one of cancer, autoimmune disease, neurodegenerative disease, myocardial infarction, stroke, sepsis, ischemia reperfusion in univ. toxin induced liver injury, or AIDS.
 - 12. The method of claim-1, in which the therapeutically effective amount is sufficient to provide about 10 pM to about 2 mM of the inhibitor in the biological fluid of the subject.
 - 13. The method of claim 12, in which the biological fluid is blood.
 - 14. The method of claim 1, in which the therapeutically effective amount is sufficient to provide about 5 μ M to about 200 μ M in the biological fluid of the subject.
 - 15. The method of claim 1, in which the administering is parenterally, orally, vaginally, rectally, nasally, buccally, intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, intrathecally, epidurally, transdermally, intracerebroventricularly, by osmotic pump, or combinations thereof.

16. The method of claim 1, in which the therapeutically effective amount is administered between about once daily to about once hourly.

- 17. The method of claim 2, in which the monitoring is performed on a biopsy from the subject.
 - 18. A method of prophylactically treating an individual at risk for a pathological condition that is precipitated at least in part by excessive apoptosis, comprising:

administering to an individual a therapeutically effective amount of at least one agent exhibiting mammal an α_1 -antitrypsin or α_1 -antitrypsin-like activity.

19. A method for inhibiting apoptosis in an in vitro mammalian cell culture,

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an ex vivo mammallan tissue culture, or mammalian organ comprising:

providing to a cell culture, tissue culture, or organ an amount of a serine protease inhibitor sufficient to inhibit apoptosis in said cell culture, tissue culture, or organ wherein a measured amount of apoptosis is indicative of apoptosis activity.

- The method of claim 19, wherein the mammalian organ is a donor organ. 20.
- A method of inhibiting apoptosis, comprising providing a serine protease 21. inhibitor to a cell and measuring a decrease in apoptosis.
- The method of claim 21, in which the serine protease inhibitor is 22. α_{l} -antitrypsin, variant of α_{l} -antitrypsin, an anticathepsin G agent, an antitryptase TL-2 agent, an antifactor Xa agent, an antielastase agent, an antiproteinase-3 agent, substituted oxydiazole, substituted thiadiazole, substituted triazole peptoids, or combinations thereof.
- The method of claim 22, in which the serine protease inhibitor is derivatized by esterification, acetylation, or amidation.
- The method of claim 23, in which the amount is sufficient to bring the 24. concentration in the blood to between about 5 μ M and about 200 μ M.
- The method of claim 21, in which the serine protease inhibitor is 25. (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl\N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(2-phenylethyl)-1,2,4-\overline{0}xadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-Lprolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-\(\Lambda\)-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(2-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,4-oxadazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-Lprolinamide; (benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valy\N-[1-(3-(5-(methyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]\L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(difluoromethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl) carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide: (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[\(\frac{1}{3}\)-(5-(benzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-methoxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazalyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(trans-styryl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-

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- Thienylmethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide;

 (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(Phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)
 methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; and (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-Valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-Phenylpropyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)carbonyl)-2-(S)-Methylpropyl]-L-Prolinamide,

 Benzyloxycarbonyl-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-[5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-
 - (S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide, Benzyloxycarbonyl-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2 (S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(methyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(1-napthylenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-

L-valyl-[1-(3-(5-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide;

methylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(biphenylmethine)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(4-phenylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl] carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-phenylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-

2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-phenoxybenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]-carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide;

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(Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(cyclohexylmethylene)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethyldimethylmethylene)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(1-napthylmethylene)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-pyridylmethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5-

(Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-pyridylmethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3,5-diphenylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; (Benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-valyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(4-dimethylaminobenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; 2-(5-

oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]-L-prolinamide; 2-(5-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)- (S)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(5-Amino-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(5-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-(S)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(5-Amino-6-oxo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,6-dihydro-1-pyrimidinyl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; (Pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-N-(benzyl)glycyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-methylpropyl]acetamide; (Pyrrole-2-carbonyl)-N-(benzyl)glycyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-

carbonyl)-N-(benzyl)glycyl-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)]-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; (2S,5S)-5-Amino-1,2,4,5,6,7-hexahydroazepino-[3,2,1]-indole-4-one-carbonyl-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-(R,S)-2-methylpropyl]amide; BTD-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; (R,S)-3-Amino-2-oxo-5-phenyl-1,4,-benzodiazepine-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,4,-benzodiazepine-N-[1-(2-(3-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,4,-benzodiazepine-N-[1-(2-(3-(3-

methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; (Pyrrole-2-

oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; Acetyl-2-L-(2,3-dihydro-1H-indole)-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]amide; 3-

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(S)-(Benzyloxygarbonyl)amino)-\(\epsilon\)-1.(2-(5-(3-methylbenzy 1)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-(S)-(Amino)- ε--lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide trifluoroacetic acid salt; 3-(S)-[(4-morpholino carbonyl-butanoyl)amino]- ε--lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3, 4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(R,S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 6-5 [4-Fluorophenyl]- ε-lactam-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(2-(R,S)-Phenyl-4-oxothiazolidin-3-yl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4 -oxad\azolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(2-(R,S)phenyl-4-oxothiazolidin-3-yl]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]hydroxymethyl)-\(\frac{1}{2}\)-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 2-(2-(R,S)-Benzyl-4-10 oxothiazolidin-3-yl]-N-[1-(2-(3-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]-acetamide; 2-(2-(R,S)-Benzyl-4-oxothiazolidin-3-yl oxide]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2- (R,S,)-methylpropyl]acetamide; (1-Benzoyl-3,8-quinazolinedione)-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylptopyl]acetamide; (1-Benzoyl-3,6-piperazinedione)-15 N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; $(1-\text{Phenyl-3,6-piperazinedione})-N-[1-(2\(5-(3-\text{methylbenzyl})-1,3,4$ oxadiazolyl[carbonyl]-2-(S)-methylpropyl[acetamide; [(1-Phenyl-3,6-piperazinedione)- $N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4\oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)]-2-(S)$ methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino]-7-piperidinyl-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl acetamide; 3-(Carbomethoxy-quinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methybenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazoly l]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 3-(Amino-quinolin-2-one) N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-25 oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide,\3-[(4-Morpholino)aceto]aminoquinolin-2-one-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1, 3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 3,4-Dihydro-quinolin-2-one-N-\lambda -(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-(4-fluorobenzylidene) piperazine-2,5-dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-30

methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-(4-dimethylamino benzylidene)piperazine-2,5-

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dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-(4-carbomethoxy benzylidene)piperazine-2,5-dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Acetyl-3-[(4-p\ridyl)methylene]piperazine-2,5-dione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methyl benzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(R)-benzylpiperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-[5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(S)-benzyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3(R)-benzylpiperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(\$)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(\$)benzylpiperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Benzyl-3-(S)-benzyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3\(5-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-Methyl-3-(R,S)-phenylpiperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1),2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[[-Methyl-3-(R,S)-phenyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 4-[1-(4-Morpholino ethyl)3-(R)-benzyl piperazine-2,5,-dione]-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(R,S)-Phenyl-2,4imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-meth)|benzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(R)-Benzyl-2,\d-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)\2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(S)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(S)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(3-(5-(3trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 5-(R)-Benzyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-1,2,4oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)-methylpropyl]acetamide; 1-Benzyl-4-(R)-benzyl-2,5imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(2-(5-(3-methylbenzyl)-1 \3,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)-2-(S)methylpropyl]acetamide; and 1-Benzyl-4-(R)-benzyl-2,5-imidazolidinedione-N-[1-(3-(5-(3-trifluoromethyl benzyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl]carbonyl)\(\frac{1}{2}\cdot(S)\)-methylpropyl]acetamide, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, or combinations thereof.

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- 26. A method of sustaining antitrypsin activity in the blood comprising administering to a subject sufficient α_1 -antitrypsin to replace inactivated α_1 -antitrypsin.
- 27. A method of sustaining antitrypsin activity in the blood comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a variant antitrypsin that is resistant to inactivation by free radicals or a synthetic α_1 -antitrypsin that is resistant to inactivation by free radicals.
- 28. The method of claim 27, in which the variant antitrypsin is Val³⁵⁸-antitrypsin, Ile³⁵⁸-antitrypsin, Leu⁵⁸-antitrypsin, Phe³⁵⁸-antitrypsin, Tyr³⁵⁸-antitrypsin, or combinations thereof.